

Jeopardy Note-Taking Strategy

This method of note-taking is particularly well suited to courses that require essay exams and papers.

Taking notes in class.

Format	During Class	After Class	Why Use It
<p>Write your class notes on the right hand side of the notebook.</p> <p>Leave the left-hand side of the notebook blank until after the class.</p>	<p>The only requirement is to skip lines to separate major points.</p> <p>The following are optional:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take notes in paragraph or a modified outline format. 2. Indent supporting details and illustrative examples. 3. List the details under the major points. 4. Underline or star significant points to emphasize importance. 	<p>Reread the notes from skipped line to skipped line.</p> <p>Create a test question(s) that you think your professor will ask about the information written in your notes. On the left-hand (blank) page, write the question directly across from the answer. As in the Jeopardy game, the answer is there and you must create the question. Your notes are the answer(s) and you construct the question(s). If you are going to be writing a paper, write phrases or key words that can serve as a preliminary outline on the blank notebook page.</p> <p>Use the questions to review the material every few days. Here are some suggestions how to review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before the next lecture, read the questions on the left-hand page and recite the answer without looking at your notes on the right hand side. 2. Write the question on one side of an index card and the answer on the other. Use the cards for a quick on-going review between classes or while commuting. 	<p>The Jeopardy method of note-taking:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forces you to review your notes when you create questions after the class. 2. Provides an easy way to practice essay test questions that might be on your exams. 3. The left hand page of your notes provides plenty of space for correcting or clarifying the notes you took in class in addition to writing the test questions across from the answers.